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GCSU Senior Nicole Slifcak pauses to admire the T-shirts strung up on Front Campus that comprise the Clothesline Project. The project, started in 2000, has grown from 40 to 461 T-shirts, all of which are anonymous messages into abusive relationships.

## Deep Roots brings deep pockets *Festival gives businesses economic boost*

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO  
STAFF REPORTER

The streets of Milledgeville's historic downtown were packed this past Saturday. Just under 1,500 visitors and residents alike roamed through the masses of attractions that Milledgeville's annual Deep Roots Festival had to offer. From the jewelry

vendors to food merchants and the art displays to antique cars, everyone had something to enjoy during the day. Music lovers jammed out to the sounds of Grace Potter and the Nocturnals and kids jumped around on the inflatables at the Kid Zone.

The festival was not fun and games for everyone downtown though.

Downtown restaurant owners and employees were busier than any other weekend of the year.

Junior economics major Mitch Duke decided to eat downtown after exploring the festival.

"I have never seen The Brick so busy," Duke said. I had to wait 50 minutes for a table. The hostesses were ask-

ing for cell phone numbers to call people who were waiting because they were out of buzzers."

Heather Holder, executive director of Milledgeville Mainstreet, the organization which organizes and carries out the festival each year, said she heard from

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## Zombies liven up campus activity

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

While standing in the stairwell of Sanford Hall, freshman Adam Mitchell spotted eight zombies heading directly toward him. Armed with only a Nerf blaster and a sock, he took off out the backdoor while the horde followed close behind. Mitchell attempted to fight off his foes by using the foam darts fired from his blaster. Despite stunning one, the other zombies cornered him and were able to infect Mitchell while he was trying to reload.

"Lasting against eight zombies for a good six minutes," Mitchell said. "I was proud, an epic moment."

Like Mitchell, humans all over campus are at war with zombies in a game called Zombies vs. Humans.

These zombies are not the typical slow moving, decaying corpses of the movies. In fact, the only thing that sets humans apart from zombies is the location of their bandannas.

Two students, Mason McNay and Matt Boyle, and a group of their friends started the campus-wide game.

"Matt called me and told me that if I was playing the game I was one of the initial infected zombies," said junior Jeff Redwine, who was one of the first to be given the task of infecting humans. "It was mine and two other peoples' jobs to get as many

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## Health Services provides facts and screenings for most STDs

BY AUBRIE SOFALA  
STAFF WRITER

A recent approval by the FDA regarding the usage of the vaccine Gardasil, as it pertains to males, has sparked waves of renewed interest in the research of sexually transmitted diseases.

This interest is specifically important to college students because of the higher risk they are for contracting an STD. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 15 to 24 year-olds acquire nearly half of all new STDs.

"I think they're fairly common but I don't think we have more than anywhere else," Alice Loper, director of Student Health Services said of GCSU's STD rates.



GRAPHIC BY MATT CHAMBERS

Loper also discussed which STDs are prevalent at GCSU, stating that herpes and chlamydia are seen quite frequently at the health clinic. These types of STDs are spread quickly due to individuals being asymptomatic. Males that contract chlamydia show no signs of infection and females who are infected do not show symptoms until

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## Candidates discuss city, college relationship at forum

BY COURTNEY MURRAH  
STAFF WRITER

Candidates hoping to win the District 4 seat for the Milledgeville City Council conversed this past Monday night during an open forum held in the Arts & Sciences auditorium.

District 4 encompasses all of Main Campus, Centennial Village, as well as downtown Milledgeville.

Candidates attending the event included: John Alton, who has lived in the district for 16 years and has taught at Georgia Military College for 13 years; Ed "Dodo" Hollis, who is a 1969 undergraduate alumnus of GCSU and received his masters degree from the school in 1970; and Phillip Joiner, who came to Milledgeville from Athens in 1996 and graduated from GCSU in 2001.

The forum was co-sponsored by the American Democracy Project, Student Government Association, Department of English and



COURTNEY MURRAH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The candidates at the District 4 Milledgeville City Council candidate forum, from left, John Alton, Ed "Dodo" Hollis and Phillip Joiner.

Rhetoric, and Department of Government and Sociology.

One issue raised at the event was how the relationship between the college and the city is viewed.

"I think the relationship between the city and the college can stand some improvement," Alton said. "The vast majority of those who sit on the Council are graduates of Georgia College & State University. Now that we've matured, we have a slightly differ-

ent opinion and a different stand, but we don't forget that we were college students."

Joiner wants both the students and community to put in an effort to bring the whole district closer.

"I believe in educating the students in how to relate more effectively with the community," Joiner said. "I also believe because Georgia College

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## For some, being in school never gets old *Program allows seniors age 62 and older to enroll in classes tuition-free*

BY MARY BESS PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

There are many benefits to growing older. One such benefit is the ability to take courses at schools at one of the 35 colleges and uni-

versities within the University System of Georgia, but without the payment of most fees (with the exception of laboratory fees or shop fees). Seniors, 62 years of age and older, are eligible to enroll in classes

for free under the Amendment 23 program.

Although these students will be taking courses for free, they still have to meet certain requirements for acceptance into the university as a senior student.

They must be a resident of the state of Georgia, 62 years or older at the time of registration and be able to present proof documenting their age.

They can enroll as either an auditing student or

a regular student although they will have last priority and enroll upon "space availability." According to the Board of Regents, they

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# Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
A vampire menaces a comely student in the annual Sanford Hall haunted house. The haunted house was a successor to the Georgia State College for Women Halloween Carnival, which was held in Nesbitt Woods (the current location of the dorms and Centennial Center). This photograph dates from the early to mid-1980s.

# Herty construction project in early stages

BY MATT DUNCAN  
STAFF WRITER

Over the past few weeks something has begun to stir at Herty Hall. Anybody passing by may see that construction equipment, signs and even a few workers have begun appearing around the building, along with what looks like excavation beginning in the parking lot adjacent to the building. All of the activity is in anticipation of the major construction project about to unravel at Herty Hall — a new 16,000 square foot annex.

The project is expected to span a 12-month period during which the gravel parking lot located next to Herty will be cleared and



MICHAEL FORSYTH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Construction begins on the new addition to Herty Hall. The construction crew has the pipes ready to begin new construction.

a new annex building built in its place. The facility is expected to help provide more class space to the already-crowded building. The initiative was first

proposed six years ago and the project finally received the green light earlier this

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## This month in Colonnade history:

Georgia State College for Women’s Music Department, directed by Miss Alice Lenore Tucker, made efforts to create two new student organizations: a glee club and an oratorio society. Funds were appropriated in order for both of the clubs to be instated immediately.  
Vol. 10, Issue 1  
Oct. 8, 1934

New class rings were designed for men on campus in 1967. The center stone was Onyx with a GC on one side (for Georgia College) and the Old Governors Mansion on the other side. The ring was designed to be thinner than the standard male college ring in an effort to keep with the Georgia College theme of moving forward.  
Vol. 43 No. 2  
Oct. 30, 1967

In 1968, Georgia College entered the world of intercollegiate sports. President J Whitney Bunting commissioned an athletic committee to develop Georgia Colleges athletic involvement. The university became a part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in soccer, baseball, tennis, gymnastics, and golf.  
Vol. 44 No. 1  
Oct. 14, 1968

In 1969, a new student center was proposed. The new center was designed to house 4,000 square feet for a student lounge as well as additional space for faculty dining.  
Vol. 45 No. 3  
Oct. 6, 1969

Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available to be viewed on microfilm in the library.



From left, freshman Adam Mitchell and sophomore Scott Wofford prepare for battle against zombie players.



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## Zombies

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bies as we could into the game.”

McNay and Boyle used rules from other campuses that also host Zombies vs. Humans to help create the GCSU variation of the game.

“We had to fix (the rules) to fit the smaller campus,” Boyle said. “We’ve been tweaking a lot this week.”

The rules are simple, every Monday at midnight select individuals are infected and become zombies. The zombies try to exterminate the human race by infecting human players. Players wear bandannas on their arm to show they are humans, whereas zombie players place their bandannas around their neck or on their head.

Zombies can infect humans with a simple two-hand touch. To fight off these touches, humans can use non-modified, brightly colored Nerf blasters or socks against the undead. If hit in the head, zombies are stunned until morning, if anywhere else and they are only incapacitated for 15 minutes.

Infection and combat can only occur on campus, but not in the residence halls during quiet hours. There are various safe zones scattered around campus, including places such as the dining hall, bathrooms and active classrooms.

Upon being infected, humans have 30 minutes to complete their mutation into a zombie. Players are responsible for timing themselves and mutating in accordance with the rules.

“It’s an honor-code based game,” Boyle said. “If you’re hit admit it.”

During the first week of the game play, Director of Campus Life Tom Miles sent out a message focusing on safety issues regarding Zombies vs. Humans.

“Games involving simulated weapon, such as secret agent, tag, or assassin are exceedingly dangerous and have resulted in deaths of students nationwide,” the message said. “Student organizations or other groups may not organize or engage in such contests regardless of location.”

After the message was sent out, McNay, Boyle, and Redwine met with Miles



SARAH MELLOR / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Junior rhetoric major Patricia Fredrickson, a zombie, “kills” human sophomore biology major Devin McGinty.

and discussed the game’s future on the GCSU campus.

Following the meeting, a few rule changes were pointed out in another message from Miles. The change was made that Nerf equipment “may be used and they MUST be bright red, green, yellow, or orange in color.” Players must also drop all Nerf equipment in the presence of Public Safety to assure maximum safety of students.

Despite the setbacks, Zombies vs. Humans continues to gather more support and players.

“We initially started with about 60 people,” Redwine said. “We’re pushing 300 after three days of play. It’s growth I didn’t even imagine.”

According to McNay, the game’s popularity is owed completely to the appeal of zombies.

“If someone invited you to run around with a group of friends and hit people with socks, you’d take a few steps back and say it’s stupid,” McNay said. “But if it’s Zombies vs. Humans, it’s a pop culture popularity thing.”

McNay and Boyle plan to harness that popularity to grow the game.

“We’re going to become an official club and get some funding,” McNay said. “We got invited to a eight-man tournament over at Georgia Tech.”

A Facebook group has been created to help contact current players, but joining the group is not a requirement to play. Currently, the game is completely open to the entire GCSU community.

“Everyone’s welcome to join,” Boyle said. “All you need is an armband and a sock.”

# Students can have campus TV voice through RSA

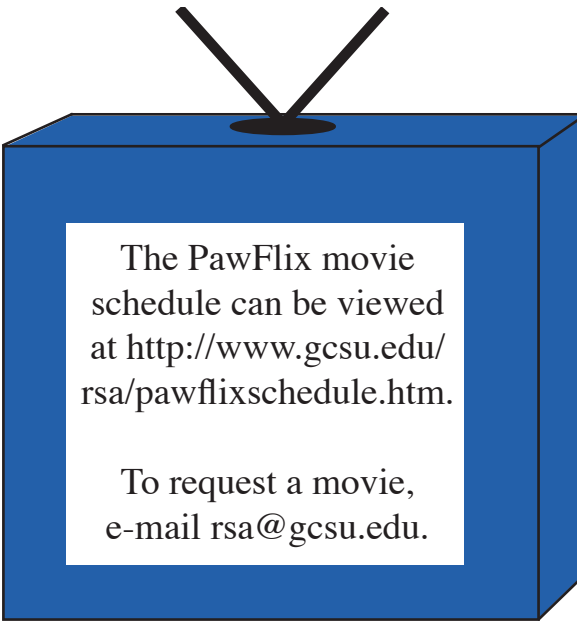
BY MATT ROGERS  
STAFF REPORTER

Have you ever caught yourself flipping through the channels and wondering why your favorite station isn’t there? Through the Resident Student Association, you can change that. Students can offer their input on which channels should be offered on University TV in the residence halls and at West Campus.

Even with this coincidence of the newly brought on television station being removed later by the university’s television provider, Versus, a sports channel on University TV, was introduced last year through the same process. However, Versus was dropped by DirecTV in late August and is no longer shown. There is petition from Versus asking DirecTV to bring it back which can be found at this site: <http://versus1.viewerlink.tv/>.

Justin Stubbs, vice president of RSA, encourages those students who want to change the way they watch television on campus.

“If a student would like



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to have a voice in what goes on the University TV, they should contact their hall council who would come to RSA to see it through,” Stubbs said. “They could also just come straight to (the members of RSA).”

RSA has its committee meetings every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in Chappell Hall. The meetings are another avenue students can use to get their voices heard — topics pertaining to television or not.

Some students feel that if the changes benefit the

majority of the community, those changes should be completed.

“If there is a channel no one likes, (RSA) should get rid of it,” Lengel said.

There are some changes on the horizon that University Housing is hoping to implement in the future. Cindy McClanahan, housing marketing coordinator, hopes to have University TV evolve in a way that it can further benefit the students. “We are hoping to

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# Outdoor Center has new challenge course

BY MATT ROGERS  
STAFF REPORTER

Out on Lake Laurel at GCSU's East Campus lies the Outdoor Center which provides a home for Outdoor Education, as well as the challenge courses and a venue for Venture Out.

The 30- to 40-foot high challenge courses are more than just fun. Karley Brown, an Outdoor Center assistant believes the courses give its participants a chance to hone certain life skills as well.

"We are focused on communication and trust," Brown said. "It's also about getting the students to be better leaders."

The Outdoor Center is open to more than just students. Groups using them have ranged from those at Chick-fil-A to Buffingtons.

The challenge courses have also caused some



MATT ROGERS / STAFF REPORTER  
From left, Breanne Harrington, freshman pre-nursing major and John Chagaris, freshman undecided major, try out the Outdoor Center on an outing with the Wellness Residential Living Community.

worry about safety. The courses are designed so that they cannot be easily accessible when the staff of the Outdoor Center is not present. For example, most of the support beams don't have the industrial staples used for climbing until about 15 to 20 feet in the air to keep unauthorized access at a minimum.

"The courses are a huge liability," Brown said. "We have to make sure we lock up all the ladders along with all the orange notice signs (which read 'No Trespassing')."

A few renovations at the Outdoor Center have been needed to keep up opera

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# International week brings new cultures to campus

ZARA-GRAY ROWE / STAFF WRITER

International Week focused on the global roles and responsibilities of America in the 21st century. The event which ran from Oct. 21 to Oct. 25 included faculty, staff and student presentations, panel discussions, an international film festival, games on Front Campus and performances by International Students educating others about their home country. Throughout the week, study abroad trips were emphasized through reports and tables. The tables advertised programs in Australia, The Bahamas, Belize, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Namibia, Peru, Russia, Turkey, Spain and Sweden.

# Potential transfer students weigh all of their options

BY ZARA-GRAY ROWE  
STAFF WRITER

Students contemplating transferring into or out of GCSU can spend a lot of time thinking, planning and preparing for a big move in their lives.

Kay Anderson, who works in the Registrar's Office, has taken on the responsibility of working with potential students that want to transfer into GCSU.

"I only deal with the students that want to transfer into our school," Anderson said. "I work with them on making sure as many of their credits transfer as possible and getting them set up as a GCSU student."

For many, transferring can be a difficult and stressful act.

"Most students will transfer going into their junior year," Anderson said. "By that time most students have completed their core classes and those classes are the easiest to transfer between schools."

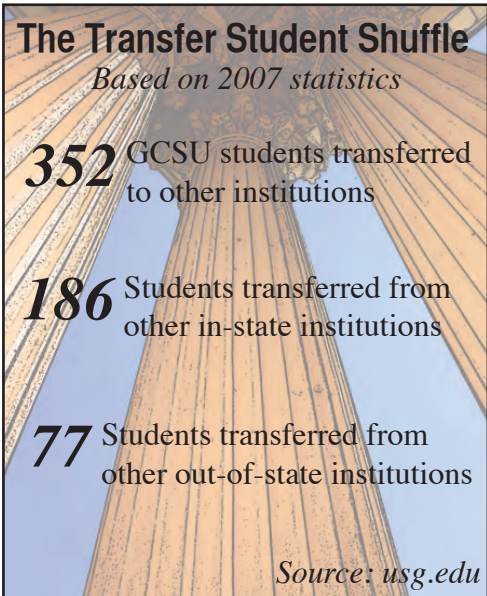
Morgan Harbin, a sophomore art major, transferred to GCSU at the beginning of this semester after a year at Chattahoochee Technical College.

"I knew that I wanted more than an associate's degree," Harbin said. "At the time I wanted a degree in business administration, but that has changed since I've been here."

Students like Harbin that transfer from technical colleges can find GCSU very appealing.

"I didn't really look at GCSU when I was first applying to colleges," Harbin said. "I didn't really know what I wanted to do and my grades weren't where I wanted them to be — but I still liked the school."

GCSU has a strong reputation for its students' high SAT scores, accord-



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ing to Collegeboard.com. As the years have passed, it has gotten harder for high school seniors to get into GCSU, and that has meant more students want to transfer into the school.

According to the University System's Web site, 352 GCSU students transferred to other University System institutions in 2007. There were 360 students from other University System institutions, 186 students from other in-state institutions and 77 students from out-of-state institutions that all transferred into GCSU in 2007.

Avery Christian, junior mass communication major, came to GCSU her sophomore year from the University of Alabama.

"Bama was too big," Christian said. "I liked that GCSU was smaller and had more down-to-earth people."

A university-to-university transfer

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# State grant supports the Safe and Sound program

BY KELLEY BOWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Further implementing GCSU's plan to create a risk reduced campus environment, the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety has awarded an \$8,210 grant to the college.

For the sixth consecutive year, GCSU has received the Young Adult Program funding to support the campus' Safe and Sound program, which

seeks to bring awareness among students to the tragedies that can occur when alcohol is abused, as well as the importance of wearing seat belts.

Alcohol is the most abused depressant drug in America and, according to a Nationwide College Alcohol survey, it has proven to be involved in 29 percent of dropouts, 38 percent of academic failures, 64 percent of violent behaviors, 66 percent of unsafe sexual practices

and 75 percent of acquaintance rapes, among college students.

The need for campus-wide programs informing students of these dangers is apparent as one person is killed in alcohol-related accidents every 31 minutes.

Providing a solid foundation for administering these programs and demonstrations on college campuses, GOHS strives

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# SGA proposes resolution for GCSU campus ethos

BY AMANDA COLLINS  
STAFF WRITER

In the Student Government Associations’s seventh session of the semester, Sen. Paul Danaj proposed a resolution pertaining to campus ethos, which was tabled later on in the meeting.

Danaj aspires to formulate an exploratory committee toward improving campus spirit and ultimately to create a stronger sense of tradition at GCSU.

The goals of the committee include “surveying and enhancing the development of campus ethos at Georgia College.”

Along with SGA, Danaj also hopes to get the support of other organizations around campus. He envisions Campus Life, the Resident Student Association and the Campus Activities Board

working with SGA to improve events throughout the school year and carve them into timely traditions. The hope is that a stronger sense of tradition will advance the overall atmosphere of school spirit at GCSU.

Director of Campus Life Tom Miles supported the motion at Wednesday’s meeting.

“Campus ethos is really about building the sense of tradition,” Miles said.

Other senators were not as enthusiastic about the proposed resolution, and they brought plenty of opinions and questions to the floor. Sen. Joel Graham was skeptical of the proposal and said it does not have a place in SGA.

“I think it’s a waste of time. I think it’s a waste of space,” Graham said. “(School spirit) cannot originate from SGA.”

The consensus was that the resolution was a bit vague and had room for improvement before being legitimately considered. The proposal was tabled at the meeting and left to be further discussed at next week’s session.

Aside from Danaj’s resolution, matters such as homecoming and campus improvements were addressed. As for this year’s homecoming celebration, the theme and headlining band have been analyzed and will be released by next week.

Some campus improvements were discussed, such as the location and efficiency of the emergency call boxes around campus. Sen. Evan Karanovich wants to explore certain places on campus that are have poor lighting and perhaps install more call boxes in those areas.

## Herty

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year from the state. While most view the project as a welcomed addition to the GCSU campus, the project isn’t without some setbacks.

“The project was halted by several budget cuts,” Associate Director for Business Planning and Construction Services

Rick Ruark said. “But the project is finally off the ground and in motion.”

Currently, the project is in the infrastructure planning phase, which will plan around utilities and the “under the hood” aspects of the new addition to Herty. When completed, the facility should add additional classroom space and dry labs to the growing astronomy, biology, and chemistry departments which are housed there. Additionally, an observa-

tory for the astronomy department will be built on the roof of the new building, providing a field lab for astronomy students.

“Along with the academic additions, there will be a new elevator being put into the annex,” add Ruark with a chuckle. “I’m sure a lot of students will be happy about that as well”.

Expected major construction on Herty should begin in the coming months, according to officials.

## TV stations

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start student movie competitions to show home-grown movies (from the students),” McClanahan said. “It’s still in the very early stages. No firm date yet.”

University TV’s movie channel, PawFlix, is another channel RSA has been getting feedback on and is hoping for continued satisfaction from the students. PawFlix plays movies ranging from old classics to newly-released blockbusters. Some of the new movies aren’t even on

DVD yet, but are shown on PawFlix. University Housing has a deal with a company called Residence Life Cinema that provides the new releases earlier than they are available to the general public.

“Resident Life Cinema is able to get us movies about four weeks after its shown in theaters, where there is usually about 12 weeks after its shown before it comes out on DVD,” Stubbs said.

For those interested in sending in a request for a movie to be shown on PawFlix, send an e-mail to [rsa@gcsu.edu](mailto:rsa@gcsu.edu). The schedule for which movies will be shown this month can be seen at <http://www.gcsu.edu/rsa/pawflixschedule.htm>.

## Deep Roots

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owners of downtown restaurants that reported three times the sales of a normal weekend.

“I’ve heard a lot of other places say that sales for one day of Deep Roots are around what a bad week would be,” Chops 119 manager Brian Bloodworth said. “Chops was busy from about 11:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. and our bar sold more than I thought it ever would have been capable of.”

Business was heavy across the street as well. Amici Italian Café had set a goal of earning more than last year’s sales at the old Sweetwater Festival.

“Every year has gone up in sales almost \$1,000 so our goal was to be \$1,000 over last year’s sales,” Amici bar manager Nick Hittler said. “We hit that margin too.”

The increase in business seems

to stem purely from the increased traffic through downtown. Neither Chops nor Amici offered any extra specials apart from their usual deals.

“The point of the specials is to get people in the door,” said

**“Given the economic situation, I was very happy with the turnout.”**

**—Heather Holder, Executive Director of Milledgeville Mainstreet**

Bloodworth. “We didn’t have any problem with that, so any specials would have just cut our profits.”

Some of the statistical information about this year’s festival is already known. For example, there were a record number of volunteers (who managed to eat 31 dozen donuts). Also, all of the Milledgeville hotels were completely booked during Deep Roots, GCSU’s parents’ day and GMC’s alumni weekend. Feedback from the featured vendors also gave positive feedback about the experience and the sales that Deep Roots attendees generated.

Milledgeville Mainstreet is conducting a merchant survey to quantify how much business was generated in the shops and restaurants during Deep Roots, according to Holder. When finalized, the information will complete the understanding of the positive effects of Deep Roots on Milledgeville’s economy.

“I was ecstatic about how the festival turned out,” Holder said. “Given the economic situation, I was very happy with the turnout.”

## Transfer students

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“I was really lucky to have all my class credits transfer,” Christian said. “It was such a relief, but the requirements were very different so I had to take more math classes than I had to at ‘Bama.”

Harbin on the other hand was not as lucky to have all his credits transfer.

“The transferring process was semi-easy,” Harbin said. “After I was accepted and enrolled in, they said they weren’t going to take one of my classes — which in the end was better than I was expecting.”

However, not everyone is trying to get into GCSU.

Olivia Bentley, a sopho-

more accounting major, has been thinking about transferring to the University of Georgia.

“There are better opportunities and more networking,” Bentley said. “GCSU is a great school, but UGA is very prestigious.”

Some students like Bentley had UGA as their top choice when it came to going off to college initially, but ended up at GCSU.

“Transferring would be uncomfortable for a while at first,” Bentley said. “My plan is to apply for transfer during the summer, but in the long run it’s definitely worth it.”

The process of transferring, whether it’s to GCSU or another school, is a big decision and the Registrar’s Office is there and ready to help.

## STDs

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disease has progressed to a higher level.

STDs are also being spread on campus through sexual irresponsibility, according to Loper.

“People get caught up in the moment and don’t always use rational thinking but in the long run it pays to be safe,” Loper said.

Another threat to college students is human papilloma-virus the sexually transmitted virus that Gardasil protects against. Currently, the drug is recommended to females between the ages of 13 and 26, but it is in the final stages of being approved for male use.

If Gardasil is approved to protect males from HPV, the rates of infections could decline, because males do not produce visible symptoms which can lead to easier transmission of HPV much easier. The health clinic does not stock Gardasil, but according to officials a student can retrieve the vaccine from their physician and have it sent to a drug store and the clinic can administer it.

“Students can always come in for free condoms, free oral HIV tests, free pregnancy tests at any time,” University Health Educator Rachel Sullivan said regarding the flexibilities of the health clinic.

Sullivan has hosted

many health awareness programs, usually around spring time, regarding sexual responsibility. Her goal is to make students sexually aware and to support them in making safer sex decisions, she said.

“We want every student to have an enjoyable college experience without the emotional and physical aspects of having an STD,” Sullivan said

The health clinic currently offers STD screening for HIV, gonorrhea,

wishing to be prescribed birth control. Confidentiality is also an important unit of the clinic. Loper stresses the sensitivity of GCSU student health records, stating that health records aren’t released without the permission of the student.

GCSU students aren’t resistant to STDs at any rate, in fact the CDC reported that sexually-active adolescents ages 20-24 are at a higher risk for acquiring STDs for a combination of behavioral, biological and cultural reasons.

“Because of my chosen major, I’m passionate about promoting awareness, but I believe everyone should be protecting their bodies and self image,” Krystle Kvalheim, a junior nursing major, said about the prevention of STDs on campus.

Kvalheim also said that STDs were easily preventable if students just choose to take the proper precautions. Actions such as not having multiple partners, always wearing a condom during sexual encounters, and taking birth control are all ways Loper, Sullivan, and Kvalheim spoke of to prevent the spread of STDs.

“Student Health wants to support our students in the decisions they make,” Sullivan said. “We just want them to be responsible decision makers”

## Outdoor

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tions at the facility. The driveway up to the lodge is narrow and causes some issues of safety because it is so close to water.

“We’ve had a few bus drivers refuse to drive up to the lodge,” Brown said.

The lodge is getting some new renovations of its own. It was built in 1940 with its original purpose being to house a custodian. Now the facility houses the Outdoor Education offices. The lodge recently had air conditioning and heating installed,

but new renovations pertaining to assisting with Outdoor Education classes are incoming.

“We are working on upgrading the technology (at East Campus),” director of the Outdoor Center, Liz Speelman, said. “We will be getting new computers and projectors.”

Unfortunately, these renovations have caused most of the outdoor education classes to be moved to the main campus this year.

The way they are currently set up, outdoor education classes are mainly only taken by outdoor education majors. Speelman is hoping to give students

opportunities to take outdoor education classes as electives.

“We want to open up our outdoor education classes to the other students (at GCSU),” Speelman said.

Venture Out moved under the umbrella of Outdoor Center this past August. Earlier this month, on the weekend of Oct. 17-18, Venture Out went whitewater rafting and Nov. 4 it will be holding an event for skydiving.

“Venture Out is our public service arm that offers events at a low cost to students,” Speelman said.





Make a note of it

Public Relations Day will be held Wednesday, in the Museum Education Room. Four Public Relations professionals will be coming to share and give valuable insight about their professions in the PR world.

The keynote speaker is Bert DuMars, vice president E-Business & Interactive Marketing at Newell Rubbermaid.

**Times of Speakers:**

1 p.m Cristy Williams, VP of communications with GE Money

2 p.m Keynote Speaker: Bert Du-

Mars, VP E-Business & Interactive Marketing at Newell Rubbermaid.

3 p.m Jena Simonds, director of communications and branding for Streamline Consultants, LLC

4 p.m. Katherine Mason, account Executive with Porter Novelli

Thank you to our chapter adviser, Dr. Ginger Carter Miller and professional advisor, Carlos Campos, for making this PR day possible.

Anyone is invited to stop by to network and hear from PR professionals!

Program grant

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to educate the public on highway safety and facilitate the implementation of programs that reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities on Georgia roadways.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, a widely known program funded primarily by the GOHS grant, allows GCSU to seek and invest in creative techniques to appeal to students through alcohol-free events on campus and guest speakers.

Also benefiting from the program funding is the student peer organization, PAWS, an acronym for Peers Advocating Wellness Successfully. The GCSU chapter of The BACCHUS Network, a national organization that focuses on college health and safety issues, PAWS assists in designing campus initiatives to help promote seat-belt use and reducing high-risk alcohol use through creating support learning, and a caring environment that encourages peers to discuss and develop respon-

Alcohol Abuse Accounts for:



- 29 percent of dropouts
- 38 percent of academic failures
- 66 percent of unsafe sexual practice
- 75 percent of acquaintance rapes

Source: Department of Public Safety Annual Report

GRAPHIC BY MATT CHAMBERS

sible habits, attitudes and lifestyles regarding these issues.

The Young Adult Program remains under the direction of Dr. Barbara Funke, a professor in the Department of Kinesiology.

“We have 14 students signed up to be trained as Bacchus Network nationally certified peer educators,” Funke said. “The peer educators will speak to students in residence halls, freshman seminar classes and other venues where student-to-student communication is believed to be an effective prevention strategy.”

Being an active participant in promoting the healthy exercise of high-

way safety is made accessible through numerous Registered Student Organization outlets on campus. Contributors to the Young Adult Program include Counseling Services, Public Safety officers, University Health educators, and staff members from Student Affairs, Campus Life and University Housing.

Along with being involved hands-on with the Young Adult Program, it’s also important for students to look out for one another, Funke said.

“There’s really no simple answer when it comes to facing these issues. It’s helpful for students to help each other, protect yourself and protect your friends,” Funke said.

Burnin’ rubber



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomores Pierce Walker and Ansley Campbell enjoy a friendly race while participating in a wheelchair obstacle course. The course, part of Disability Awareness Month, is intended to show the hardships endured by those with physical handicaps.

Students

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must meet all University System and institution undergraduate or graduate admission requirements. However, institutions may exercise discretion in exceptional cases where circumstances indicate that certain requirements such as high school graduation and minimum test scores are inappropriate. Discretion is then left with the university at which the student is applying.

The students attend classes, turn in homework, take tests, etc., but they are not reported by their university for budgetary purposes.

Degrees can also be sought by these individuals. In order to obtain a degree, students 62 and older have to meet all the requirements, either legislated, from the university,

or from the University System, that regularly admitted students have to meet. The Board of Regents also states that these students may not enroll in dental, medical, veterinary or law schools.

John Geist, 62, is one such student, currently enrolled at GCSU as an auditing student. Not only is Geist a student at GCSU, but he also teaches part-time in the Information Technology and Marketing Department.

Although Geist is currently taking undergraduate courses at GCSU, he received an undergraduate degree in business administration at Ohio State in 1975 and received a graduate degree in computer systems at the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1981.

“I don’t recall how I heard about (Amendment 23),” Geist said. “I thought perhaps it was an urban legend. So I went to

the registrar’s office in the springtime of this year and I asked.”

Geist’s son, Stephen Geist, also attended GCSU. The younger Geist received his undergraduate degree in 2004 and graduate degree in 2007. Geist’s son will be getting married in Germany in May. John Geist is taking a course in German in order to prepare for his visit to Germany.

“The program gives you a great opportunity to learn something new. ... It is really terrific,” Geist said.

GCSU also hosts other students in Amendment 23. In the spring of 2009, 1,020 students across the University System of Georgia received Senior Waivers according to Amendment 23. Five of those were at GCSU. This fall, seven students enrolled at GCSU are at least 62 years old. The oldest is 84.

Candidates

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& State University has now jumped to the second largest employer in Milledgeville and Baldwin County, and because the economic impact of the college is so great, that the community continue moving up to fully embrace the impact of not only the college as an institution has, but the students themselves.”

Hollis said he did not draw a line between the campus and the town.

“I never separated the two,” Hollis said. “I’m from Milledgeville. I went to school here. I just always thought that Georgia College was a part of Milledgeville. There’s no distinction whatsoever.”

Another important issue to the students, merchants and residents is the construction of a new parking deck downtown.

“I hadn’t thought about having a new one,” Hollis said. “I thought about improving the one we got. We could go up with the one we have. In Atlanta, they have four, five or six rows of parking.”

Joiner agreed with Hollis that a new parking deck does not need to be a necessity, but merely change the parking deck already in use.

“Let’s open that up to merchants and their employees,” Joiner said. “If those people can park in that upper section parking deck, we open up consumer parking all around downtown.”

Alton thought that there should be more than one new parking deck.



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From left, Bobby Brown, Ross Sheppard, Jay Parker and Amy Burt represented the residents and merchants of District 4 as Rochelle Smalls moderated the discussions at the candidate forum Oct. 27.

“There are several parking decks needed because we have an abundance of people driving vehicles,” Alton said. “There are at least three different places in Milledgeville right now we could build a nice parking deck to accommodate. I wouldn’t go over three levels.”

The topic of recycling in the city also was discussed.

“There’s potential for a new recycling center in the city,” Joiner said. “It’s being considered right now one of the key issues of the city.”

Alton thought that recycling bins should be picked up outside of homes and that more residents should be knowledgeable about recycling.

“That should be a part of a contract with our solid waste pickup,” Alton said. “If we don’t educate people to do it, we’re making a big mistake. Recycling will help save our planet.”

Hollis was unsure of the best approach to take regarding the recycling issue in Milledgeville.

“I’m not sure what would make it easier,” Hollis said. “I could defi-

nitely say, ‘Use less,’ but that won’t do it.”

Rochelle Small, a junior mass communication major and forum moderator was surprised at the number of college students in attendance.

“I’m just really proud of us for stepping up and taking the initiative to get out and vote,” Smalls said. “I think that shows the future isn’t as bad off as some of the candidates tried to make it seem.”

Jay Parker, a sophomore rhetoric major, served on the panel as a representative of the student body.

“I think that the most important issue that all the candidates discussed was the relationship that exists between the District 4 community, the city of Milledgeville and the Georgia College & State University population,” Parker said.

Dr. Amy Burt, an associate professor of speech at GCSU, represented the residents of District 4.

“I think there are a number of important issues,” Burt said. “I think that whoever wins that election is going to have a plateful.”

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# New facilities to help power Herty

BY BRITTANY HENDERSON  
STAFF WRITER

Scheduled to open within the next year, the new L-shaped addition to Herty Hall, called “Phase II”, possess many benefits, one of them being an emergency power wiring throughout the entire the hall.

Associate professor and coordinator of Pre-professional Programs in the Biological and Environmental Sciences Department Dr. Mike Gleason highlighted the importance of temperature control for safety reasons.

“(The emergency power lines) puts us up to par with other major institutions,” Gleason said.

Having the emergency power back up, with the help of the Plant Operations & Facilities Planning Department, means temperature control should be less of an issue.

Without the additions, in the case of loss of power, many experiments on living organisms and specimens could be adversely affected.

Ultra-cold freezers and refrigeration systems are home to many yeasts, DNA samples and various kinds of cells. Costing around \$10,000 each, the freezers’ temperatures have to be approximately minus 80 degrees Celsius



BRITTANY HENDERSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Dr. Al Mead displays a walrus fossil with an ivory tusk that can be found in Herty Hall in the fossil depository.

(dry ice temperature) because professors and researchers need the cells in frozen form. Zach Dekner, a sophomore biology major, noted the importance of the temperature regulations.

“We can store stuff, work on them, and put them back,” Dekner said.

Because the departments

rely on power for the specialized freezers, a power outage could be devastating to research and future experiments.

“(The ultra-cold freezers) preserves them, rather than if you have to grow them,” Gleason said. “It can be very time consuming, but we save a lot of money.”

Each room in Herty also features negative pressure.

“The air is always coming into the room and being sucked out, so if there is a spill or something that gets in the room, it doesn’t go out to the general population,” Gleason said.

Over half of the professors in the Biology department specialize in paleontology, and as such, GCSU has an impressive record of fossils.

The first floor of Herty contains a federally licensed fossil depository.

The storage compactor system is home to over 100,000 fossils found throughout the United States, including South Dakota, Alaska and Georgia. They are displayed in the fossil depository.

“(Herty houses) one of the best fossil depositories, if not the best, in the Southeast,” Gleason said.

The additions to Herty should help to improve the fossil depository as well. This is a humidity and temperature controlled room. If temperature started to fluctuate or the humidity got too high in this area, partially fossilized specimens could be greatly affected.

“Some of the fossils are well preserved and others are not completely fossilized, so that they would start to degenerate (if this

were to occur),” Gleason said.

As an associate professor in the Biological and Environmental Sciences Department, Dr. Alfred Mead knows that the fossil depository is dependent on many things the construction will provide, such as temperature control and more sources of electrical power.

“They definitely serve as a record for biodiversity,” Mead said.

Home for many mammal fossils such as walruses, mammoths and bears, the depository is arranged by geologic periods. The sizes of fossils vary from large mammoth ribs to as small as a full body shrew skeleton.

“We have a very strong modern collection,” Mead said.

During spring break a few years ago, due to lack of power, the refrigeration systems in Herty malfunctioned and began to warm up resulting in horrible smelling fossil specimens after the break.

Mead emphasized that because of loss of power, specimens can continue their deteriorating processes and no longer can complete fossilization thus resulting in a loss of a fossil.

“It’s like, when are you going to get another rhino?” Mead said.

HEALTHY LIVING

BY KATELYN HEBERT  
SENIOR REPORTER

The world we live in is becoming increasingly dependent on technology.

It’s an endless battle between PCs and Macs. Mac owners claim their operating system is more protected from viruses and user-friendly, while PC owners argue that they enjoy the benefits of more universal software and lower prices.

These preferences continue to escalate the debate over the two brands for consumers. We are constantly fed commercials with the Mac and PC guys, as well as the “I’m a PC” ads.

Whether you prefer Macs or PCs, it’s clear that this debate is now becoming a part of our everyday lives and it affects our decisions as consumers as well as students. Send in your thoughts to [colonnade-letters@gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnade-letters@gcsu.edu).

Breaking down Kinesiology students

31 Athletic Training

94 Health Education

15 Outdoor Education

13 Physical Education/Health

191 Pre-Health

27 Pre-Outdoor Education

1 Pre-Physical Education

Statistics based on undergraduate students

Source: Office of Institutional Research

GRAPHIC BY KATELYN HEBERT

## The science of human movement

### Kinesiology Department educates, trains students

BY STEPHEN HUNDLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Of the 35 majors offered at GCSU, five (exercise science, outdoor education, community health and human services, physical education, and athletic training) fall under the Kinesiology Department. Across these majors are spread 404 of GCSU’s graduate and undergraduate students.

The students tread a path which is becoming more important in today’s tense, and increasingly proactive, environmental climate, and GCSU’s Kinesiology Department works hard to keep

them on the cutting edge of their field of interest.

You may have run into a kinesiology trailblazer leading hiking expeditions, helping out on staff with local sports teams, or working through their practicum at the Wellness Depot as personal trainers.

“The professional preparation of the department is invaluable,” Assistant Director of Wellness Programs Amy Whatley said.

The Wellness Depot is one of the most visible outreaches of the department. It’s there were students can get real world, hands-on experience in their kinetic art.

Andrew Svorcek is a freshman who boasts the benefits of athletic training and exercise science majors who work at the Depot.

“It’s really great to have someone there to keep you on track, and motivate you,” Svorcek said.

As with other majors, the programs are mandatory for students in the department as part of their practicum.

“The programs we have outside of the classroom are one of our best benefits,” professor Christopher Black said.

Many GCSU students graduating with a degree from the Kinesiology Department

have been able to find work with relative assurance. GCSU kinesiology graduates can be found working in high schools, colleges and universities, sports medicine clinics and rehabilitation centers, hospitals, wellness and fitness centers, or in corporate and industrial settings.

Several students are already working as full-fledged trainers being paid by local private gyms, according to officials at the Depot.

Kinesiology is the science of human movement, and at GCSU the faculty and students demonstrate a passion and fervor that lives up to such a fluid and poetic study.

## Faculty, students embrace new opportunities through iTunes U

BY ALLISON BRAMLETT  
STAFF REPORTER

Professors are always looking for ways to expand education, especially outside of the classroom. And with technology becoming more and more ubiquitous, it is becoming easier for them to do so.

Apple, known for revolutionizing the way we obtain and listen to music through its iTunes software and the iPod, now is guiding technology’s future in education through iTunes University, also called iTunes U. Using the same technology as the iTunes Store, iTunes U is a free program that allows colleges and universities to create and share educational content for download.

Files can be podcasts, audio or video files, and even PDF files. Once the files are downloaded, they can be played on a computer, iPod or iPhone.

GCSU, specifically the Digital Innovation Group, began implementing iTunes U in 2004. The Digital Innovation Group is responsible for creating and publishing GCSU’s public content seen on iTunes U.

“When we first came out with it, we were using it mainly for marketing and branding the college,” Dann Hann, the

assistant director of DIG, said. “But now, people are using it more to capture events that are going on on campus.”

Each school chooses what content it wants to be public, if any. Currently, podcasts touring the campus, as well as showcasing campus events, are the only GCSU content open to the public.

The other part of iTunes U includes content from individual courses at each university. For GCSU, course content is private. Students can only see uploads from the courses they are in.

Files uploaded for courses can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

There are a few advantages to using iTunes U over other online tools. Once a student subscribes to a particular podcast, any new podcast or information is automatically downloaded. In addition, students can sync their podcast to their iPod or iPhone, making the files portable and even

more accessible.

Many professors use iTunes U to give their students class notes. However, some also allow their students to upload their projects or assignments through iTunes U.

Dr. Lee Digiovanni, assistant professor of early childhood education, uses iTunes U in the classroom.

“With iTunes U, it made it just much easier for the students to submit assignments and to have things available for other students to see and use,” Digiovanni said.

Digiovanni feels that for her, the best way to utilize iTunes U is through student projects, not lectures and notes.

“Whatever project they’re doing, it’s not necessarily just for them. It could also have a broader audience,” Digiovanni said.

Rebekka Ragusa, a senior early childhood education major, worked with iTunes U in Digiovanni’s class.

“... it made it just much easier for the students to submit assignments.”

–Lee Digiovanni  
Assistant professor of early childhood education

“I think iTunes U was an efficient way to do (the projects) and be able to spread our knowledge to our classmates,” Ragusa said, adding that it is helpful in the learning process and “definitely worthwhile.”

However, iTunes U doesn’t always work like expected. Dr. Bryan Marshall, assistant professor of information systems, began working with iTunes U this semester with his principles of information systems class and has encountered a couple of problems.

“I thought it would be pretty good for my students to learn how to use that technology,” Marshall said. “It turned out it wasn’t as easy to use as say, YouTube.”

Working with PCs made the process of converting the video files into a Mac format difficult, he said, leading many students with no other option but to upload their video onto YouTube.

While a few of the problems Marshall faced were fixed, he said he is unsure whether he will continue using the product.

Although new technology isn’t always perfect, it is helping shape a new way of learning and more and more professors are figuring out how to embrace it to fit their classrooms.





# Tips to fall into seasonal photography



BY AUSTIN CABOT  
SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The leaves are starting to turn, the air is getting crisper and the temperatures are dropping. It's the beginning of fall once again.

If you are into photography, now is one of the best times to be out taking pictures. Sure you can keep your camera on you and take photos of things that you see in your day-to-day activities. In fact, you might even want to keep a camera in your car just in case you see something on the way to that Halloween costume party you've been waiting for since you

received the invite on Facebook. Yeah, you might feel a little strange taking pictures on the side of the road while dressed up as Michael Phelps in a Speedo and goggles (which might be a great photo by itself and could possibly cause a few wrecks), but the images you capture might not be there the next day. The leaves could be gone, it could be raining, or there could be a pumpkin smashed right in the middle of the scene (another unique photo by itself). These will most likely be enjoyable photos, but I encourage you to go beyond carrying a camera for those brief periods of relief from your daily life.

The real marriage of fall and photography comes out when you begin to chase after images. Go out and look for unique places, places you'd probably never go unless you were taking pictures.

Wake up early and venture out into the fog. Take some time at the end of the day and find a hilltop to watch the sunset from. Go by yourself. Take a friend. The main thing is to get out there and look beyond your normal activities. With enough patience and a little bit of adventure, you're likely to return home with some images that you love.



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Early morning fog transforms this barren field outside of Sparta into an almost surreal landscape. Fall is a great time to get out and take photos at places and times that you may normally not think to even carry a camera.

Satisfying the holiday sweet tooth, healthily

BY ALEX TAYLOR  
STAFF WRITER

Finding healthy snacks can be a challenge. Often times it is overwhelming at the grocery store because snacks are packed with fat, sodium and sugar.

Halloween is just around the corner and lots of students enjoy snacking on candy. Halloween candy is packed with sugar, but some are healthier than others. Choose plain chocolate or dark chocolate without caramel and nuts or other nougat fillings. Twizzlers are low in fat and don't have as much sugar as some other popular candies. Reading the nutrition labels can be the first step to choosing healthy snacks.

According to KidsHealth.org, labels can be deceiving. Just because a snack claims it is low fat doesn't mean that it is actually healthier. If

most of the fat is taken out of the snack, then something has to replace that fat and most of the time it is sugar. Low-fat snacks might have less fat, but they almost always have the same amount of calories.

In addition, check the serving size when you are eating a snack. Many times, a snack may look like it is only one serving, but after you have eaten the entire bag, you realize it was three servings. That means triple the fat, calories, sugar and sodium.

The importance of healthy snacks, especially for young adults in college with busy schedules, cannot be emphasized enough. Healthy snacking keeps the body energized throughout the day. Although it may be faster and more convenient to buy the bag of potato chips, there are much better alternatives.

Making your own granola or trail mix will cut out all of the preservatives manufacturers put in their snacks. Cross country graduate assistant Rich Dobson loves eating healthy snacks.

"I try to pair at least one nutrient dense food, which are fruits or vegetables, with complex carbohydrates," Dobson said. "My favorite snack I make is sliced strawberries and bananas with yogurt and granola."

Fruits and vegetables are easy fast snacks. They are high in vitamins, antioxidants and fiber which will keep your mind more attentive in class. Junior outdoor education major Dani Destiche eats healthy snacks, even as a vegetarian.

"I love edamame," Destiche said. "It's easy for me because it only take 3 or 4 minutes to cook. Then I add a little salt and lemon juice. It's just a great way for me to get protein and fiber."

While grocery shopping, always choose whole grains. Snacks that are high in complex carbohydrates, which are high in fiber, will you keep you full longer. White breads and crackers provide little health benefits. Frozen yogurt or sorbet is better than ice cream, which is high in fat and sugar. Choose pretzels over potato chips. Snacking on cheese and yogurt is a good way to get your daily calcium servings.

Although many college students say they snack because they are in a rush, making time for healthy snacks will keep you living a long and healthy life. A simple strategy for limiting junk-food snacks is that if you don't buy them, you won't eat them. As long as your refrigerator is stocked with fruits and vegetables, whole grains, cheese and yogurt, if you are truly hungry, then you will eat what you have.

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The Colonnade wants to encourage readers to participate in community service. With the GIVE Center nearby and various organizations on-campus in need of volunteers, the opportunities for service at GCSU are countless.

Viewers of popular television shows might have noticed community service mentioned more than once during primetime this past week. In the CBS show “Numbers,” two characters discussed joining Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, while on “Private Practice” on ABC, doctors volunteered their time to give homeless teens free exams.

The entire cast of “Jimmy Kimmel Live” also took a day off this week to build houses for Habitat for Humanity. Even New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter agreed that the team that loses in the World Series will have its city’s mayor travel to the other’s city to participate in a community service activity.

These networks and celebrities, among others, tied the theme of community service into their shows as a part of the iParticipate campaign. The campaign, founded by the Entertainment Industry Foundation, aims to promote community service throughout the country through large media outlets like primetime television.

Though we at The Colonnade have no celebrity promos for it, we want to take our hats off to community service in our area. Big names or not, we at The Colonnade encourage everyone to go into the community and lend a hand.

Whether the volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters, donating time through a Greek organization or just taking a few hours to donate time to a friend, these little acts of kindness remind us that we all are important members of a global human family.

For those looking to lend a hand, iParticipate offers a search on its Web site that locates local community service opportunities. Offline however, The Colonnade encourages students to take a short walk to the GIVE Center and lend a helping hand. Odds are, you’ll probably find one of our writers or designers volunteering there too.

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BY MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER



Afghanistan has no quick fix

We need more troops! No! Pull them all out! No! Stay there to kill the enemy! As usual, Republicans and Democrats are having their childish bickering session in Washington and around the country, this time on Afghanistan.

Everyone from Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., to former Vice President Dick Cheney is chiming in about the decisions that need to be made in Afghanistan. The Democrats want to either pull out or don’t want any increase in troops and Republicans want all the troops Gen. Stanley McChrystal requested. They all pretend like it is just that easy to fix the situation we have over there.

First off all, to the Democrats, pulling out or refusing to send more troops is not an option, and I think it’s time for them to realize that. Do they really believe we can ransack an entire country, pull right out, and everything will be better? Once the combat troops are taken out, al-Qaida and



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the Taliban will come right back across the border from Pakistan and take control. Eight years of numerous men and women losing their lives, many more wounded, and billions of dollars down the drain. Re-election must mean a lot huh?

And to the Republicans, who are so worried and distraught and losing sleep every single night over the fact that the White House hasn’t sent more troops yet, stop the charade. Even if the President Barack Obama granted McChrystal’s request and ordered 40,000 more troops to Afghanistan, they wouldn’t even get there until next year. The troops Obama ordered earlier this year are just getting there now. When the memo from McChrystal leaked

into the press, the GOP saw this as just another opportunity to score political points.

When Cheney was speaking before the conservative Center for Security Policy last week, he said: “The White House must stop dithering while America’s armed forces are in danger.”

You know, Cheney must have a very selective memory because from what I remember, in 2006, Bush took at least three months to craft the strategy for the surge in Iraq.

Afghanistan has a quagmire of problems and more troops or no troops is not the defining issue here. Sending more troops or pulling out is not a strategy, it is one element of an overall strategy. There is much more that needs to be done in the country but if you listen to Washington, you would never know that. You just hear the constant babbling of liberal and conservative talking points. Nothing more, nothing less.

Don’t take your America for granted

I love America. I was raised in this wonderful country and I wouldn’t have it any other way.

However, there are times when I think children are more insightful about American patriotism than adults with post-graduate educations. There is much to learn from today’s youth and we could all use a healthy dose of their patriotic prescription.

Scholastic Company, best known for publishing educational materials for schools, recently asked students, ages 5 to 10 what it meant to be an American. The students’ responses may surprise you.

One child said, “It is great to be an American. We get to play sports and eat lots of food. We get lots of toys, all because we are free, the best thing of all.”

“Being an American means that



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we are all treated equally no matter what color skin you have, and it doesn’t matter what culture you are from. If you are an American you are mighty lucky because you will be free forever,” another child said.

As children we were taught many patriotic songs. The songs taught us at even a young age how wonderful it is to be an American.

Every day I find myself disagreeing with another fellow American, but still, I am glad I have that option. Too many times we get worn out emotionally with endless debates about right versus wrong. The best part of these

debates is that even if you are wrong, you’re equally American. Disagreements are what make this country the best in the world.

Anti-Americanism is reflexive and mindless. Patriotism, on the other hand, is quite intelligent, and a sense more Americans need. An overwhelming majority have strong patriotism, but others need some more of it.

Next time you’re angry about a test you have to study for or you are frustrated you ran out of milk, take a look at the bigger picture. You’re an American. You can go to school without fear of being thrown in jail for trying to get an education. You can buy more milk without the government telling you to which brand to buy.

Americans only make up 5 percent of the world — you’re luckier than the other 95 percent.

CORRECTIONS

•In the Oct. 23 edition of The Colonnade, the article “Concert commemorates 200 years of Mendelssohn” said the University Chorus meets once a week, when the chorus group actually meets three times per week. Max Noah Singers and Women’s Ensemble meet two times per week.

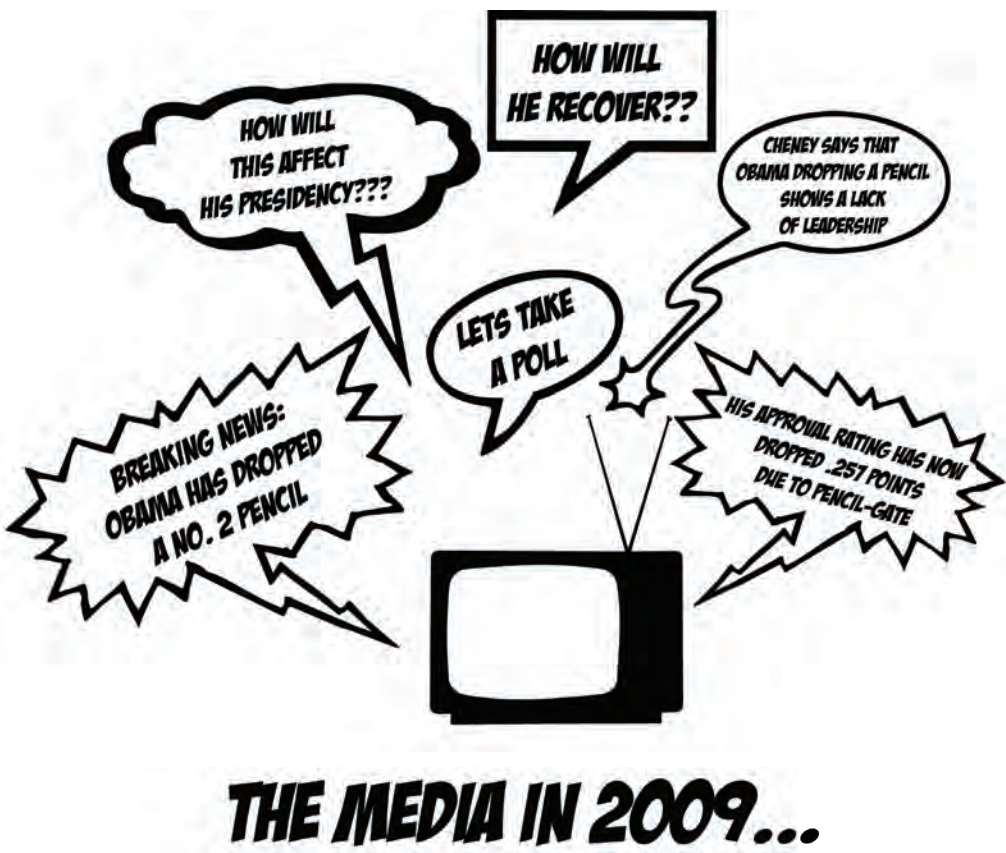
• In the Oct. 23 edition of The Colonnade, the front page article on Alcohol Awareness Week should have read that Rachel Sullivan led the event and the events were sponsored by the American Democracy Project, Counseling Services, GOHS Young Adult Grant, Parking Services, Public Safety, RSA, Student Affairs, Student Health Services, The Wellness Depot, Pride Alliance and Parking and Transportation Services. Sitting in the dunk tank were parking attendants with the department of Parking and Transportation. The funeral home that donated the coffin was William’s Funeral Home.

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# Independent Satire

by Ian Bridgeforth



“What are you doing for Halloween, and what are you dressing up as?”



“I am planning on going to the Pike’s Halloween party and I will be attending as a Native American.”

Emily Martin, sophomore, mass communication

“I am going camping and hiking in Ashville, N.C., so I guess I will be dressing up as a hiker.”

Jeremy Klein, junior, biology



“I would like to dress up as Alvin and the Chipmunks, but I have no Simon and Theodore right now. Halloween is not panning out as I hoped it would be.”

Brett DiFelice, senior, environmental science

“I haven’t decided what I am going to wear yet, but Simon is sounding pretty appealing. I will be at the Pike house having a great time with my brothers!”

John Rigdon, senior, environmental science



“I am planning on going to one of my friend’s houses for a costume party. I am thinking of going as ‘Party in the USA’, wearing an American flag, balloons and maybe a party hat.”

Emma Neale, junior, early childhood education

Reported by Mandy Ellis

## Got something to say?

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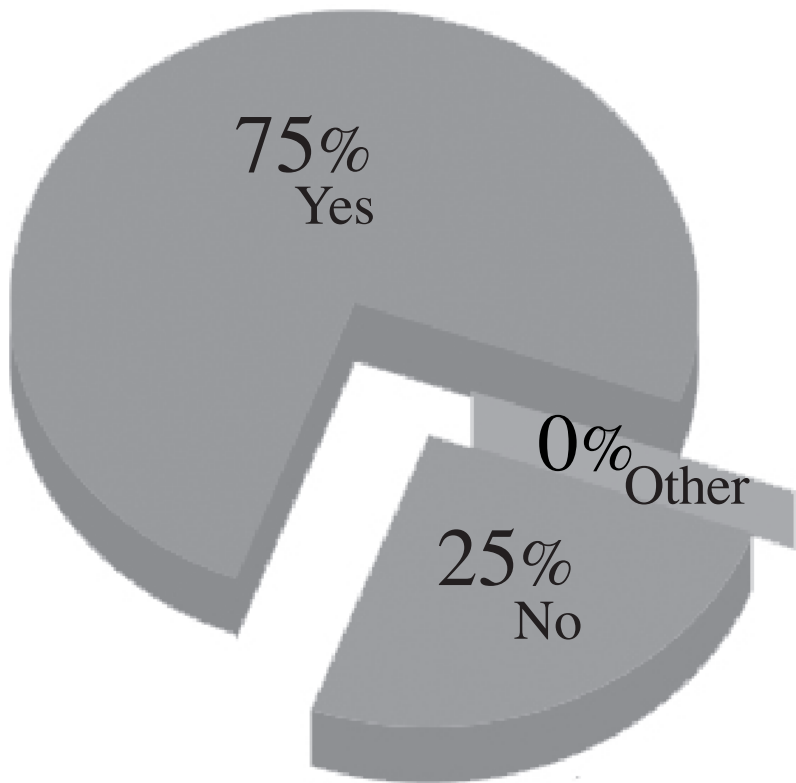
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## POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

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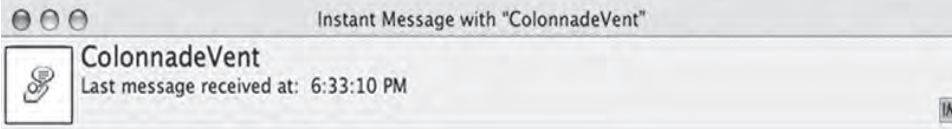


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Are you voting in the  
Nov. 3 elections?

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- No
- Other- Send comments to: Colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu

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# The Litter Box



There are two phrases I never, ever, want to see used in a Colonnade Public Safety report again: “The report stated,” and “According to a Public Safety Report.” If the staff-writer feels he/she is unable to deviate from the utterly irksome habit of starting and/or concluding virtually every sentence with one of these phrases, please consult your advisor for the CRN of a basic English class for the Spring Semester.

To the person who stole the GCSU Women’s Soccer Team Addidas banners, please return them. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

It was fun seeing all my old friends at the Sweetwat- Err, Deep Roots festival. See y’all again next year?

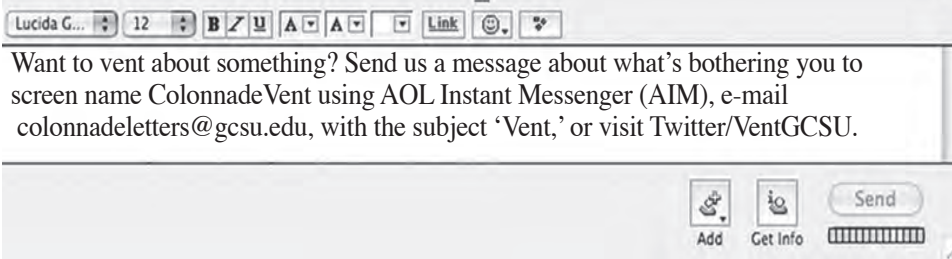
Oh joy, Halloween, the one time of year I am forced to think of every female creature, even the humble Nun, as a busty, depraved skank with less class than cloth

I need more bacon.

I placed my vote for the homecoming band. This year, we’ve got options and nothing to complain about. Unless, you know, you don’t vote, or your guy loses, or it falls through, or you’re sick that night. But otherwise, this is going to be totally awesome.

Sometimes the real world blows. Morning meetings can’t be skipped like morning classes, and it is much less accepted to come in smelling like a brewery and bad sex.

Cubs suck.





## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH DEEP ROOTS



CLAIRE KERSEY / SENIOR REPORTER  
Devin Stephens does a backflip on the bungee trampoline in the Kid Zone. The Kid Zone also included inflatables and a magic show.



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Grace Potter of Grace Potter and the Nocturnals performs at the Deep Roots Festival this past Saturday night. The group was the headlining act for the festival.

### *Sixth annual festival brings crowd downtown*



CLAIRE KERSEY / SENIOR REPORTER  
Kevin Sturgeon, left, of the team Ivey Rack & Q, and judge Bill Rogers look over the team's presentation for the whole hog division of the barbecue competition.

*See page 12 for more Deep Roots coverage*



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Eatonton resident Mike Lyons looks into his 1973 Plymouth Duster at the car show. The show was sponsored by the Old Capital Car Club and included 117 cars.



CLAIRE KERSEY / SENIOR REPORTER  
Kaden Council catches a piggyback ride from his father Kevin as they walk down Wayne Street.



CLAIRE KERSEY / SENIOR REPORTER  
Katelyn Herman gets hands-on while working on a community mural on Hancock Street.

## Grace Potter and the Nocturnals works night shift as Deep Roots headlining band

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN  
STAFF REPORTER

The sound of the music could be heard echoing through the streets of downtown Milledgeville this past Saturday night at the Deep Roots Festival. Students came to hear Grace Potter, Trampled by Turtles and The Legendary JC's in concert.

"The Legendary JC's have a unique presence on stage. It's sexy and makes you want to move!" sophomore Amy Fine said.

Trampled by Turtles warmed up the crowd with a bluegrass feel, as they finished off the last night of their tour in Milledgeville. The band is all acoustic, bringing variety to the stage by incorporating some fiddle.

"We just wanted to go out and have fun," Dave Simonett, guitarist for Trampled by Turtles, said. "Atlanta was our favorite venue to play. The crowds are great, and Milledgeville is a close second. You can tell the crowd is really enjoying themselves, and that's what makes us enjoy it."

The headlining band, Grace Potter and the Nocturnals played later in the evening and came back for an encore. Growing up in a town in Vermont that is smaller than

Milledgeville, Potter had a real sense of home at the Deep Roots Festival.

"The town I grew up in was much smaller than this," Potter said. "It doesn't even have a stoplight. It just feels like everyone knows each other, you know? You can't go anywhere without running into someone you know, like Uncle Willy or someone."

Potter always had a dream of playing music. In college, Potter found her band members, and set out on a career in music.

"It was a much better way to make money than working in the local coffee shop," Potter said. "I learned a lot since then though. It's a lot of hard work, a lot. You really have to pursue this if you want to succeed."

Potter's music is more than just her career, it's her passion.

"When I write I really put myself into the songs. One song in particular is about my grandmother, and her life, and ironically it has come to be about my own life too. That one is my favorite," Potter said.

As the concert came to a close, students begged Potter and the Nocturnals for an encore. After much clapping and screaming from the crowd, Potter obliged.



MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
The audience of the Deep Roots Festival night time concerts cheers during the music. The bands Trampled by Turtles and the Legendary JC's performed before the headliners.

"The concert was so much fun," sophomore David Toler said. "The energy was great, and the best part was when the band all played the drums together. Deep Roots rocked this year."

Students danced to the beat of Potter's music, some even trying for an attempt at a mosh pit, but everyone was so centered on the music, that any efforts were

quickly suppressed.

Students raved about the Deep Roots Festival concert with hope for similar quality of music next year.

"It just keeps getting better," sophomore Kelsey Fosnaugh said. "It's about time we got some good music in here, and there was a variety so everyone was happy. I can't wait until next year!"



# Students ooze Halloween spirit

BY AUBRIE SOFALA  
STAFF WRITER

As Halloween night draws closer to its spooky unveiling, many GCSU students are gearing up for an abundance of haunted house visits, parties, frightening decorations and even hosting trick or treating for faculty and staff families.

One nursing cohort at GCSU is planning a Halloween party as a chance to get to know each other better.

“We’re all sort of getting to know each other so we thought it’d be fun to do something as a group that we all have in common,” Kathleen Lampley, a junior nursing major, said.

Lampley, who works at Medieval Times, still has not decided on her costume for Halloween, but did say she plans to take her nephew trick or treating.

Treats are also being given out at West Campus. Trick or treating is being hosted at buildings 500-600 at the Village. The hosting has been done in the past with much enthusiasm from the students and the community.

“We target them a lot as a way for residential students to get more contact with their advisors or professors, they kind of get with

them on a more personal level,” Charles Frame, advisor of the Resident Student Association said of focusing on faculty and staff families as the trick or treaters.

Frame also said that the trick or treating at the residential buildings came from RSA, which means it is very much a student-driven project.

“They wanted to be able to provide that safe trick or treating environment for the children of the community,” Frame said.

From treats to tricks, Tyler Mabe, a junior exercise science major, visited a haunted house located in Gwinnett County this past weekend. The house was riddled with gory scenes and frighteningly real objects.

“The one I remember best was a guy that looked like



FILE PHOTO

a mad scientist with blood all over him and he had a Skilsaw sawing into a fake body ... but the Skilsaw seemed real because pieces of the fake body were flying off of it,” Mabe said of the sinister scenes of the haunted house.

Mabe has different plans for the actual day of Halloween, which include dressing up and giving out candy where he works.

“It’s fun letting loose and hanging out and there are always lots of parties,” Mabe said.

Parkhurst is also planning a few tricks of their own, with their door decorating contest.

“It’s kind of become a tradition,” John Wright, complex director of Parkhurst said.

The contest has one slight change this year. Voting for doors will be done online, on the hall’s Facebook group, where residents will upload photos of their doors and other residents will vote for the door they like.

Freshmen Nicole Damron and Jessica Johnson are two residents who have decorated their doors so far.

“We just like the idea of having it decorated instead of plain,” Damron said.

# Spotlight

By: Stephanie Sorensen



## GCSU STUDENTS FIND A NEW WAY TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

This past Wednesday, members of GCSU’s Service sorority, Gamma Sigma Sigma hosted a Halloween party in conjunction with The GIVE Center for the Superstar Student program.

*“It was great to see them painting pumpkins and frosting cupcakes. The kids were able to celebrate Halloween, and I got my nails painted. It was great to see them happy.” — Kaitlyn Dietz*



The Superstar program is an after-school program for underprivileged children. College students volunteered their time to help provide a safe and fun atmosphere for the kids after school. Halloween presented a perfect opportunity for creepy crafts.

# MOVIE REVIEW: FOUR HORROR FILMS PERFECT FOR HALLOWEEN

‘The most merciless, and most in-your-face experience to have ever graced the history of cinema’

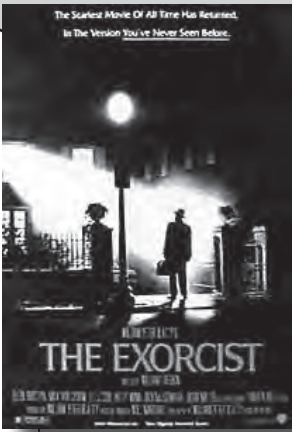
BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

1.) **“Halloween”** (“The darkest souls are not those which choose to exist within the hell of the abyss, but those which choose to break free from the abyss and move silently among us.”)

2.) **“Psycho”** (“Why, she wouldn’t even harm a fly ...”) Had I seen this before No. 1, the two would probably be swapped. But nevertheless, Alfred Hitchcock is a “true director” in the way he handles his films all the way down to the last shot, and even when the dialogue is on pause for lengthy segments, he can still keep viewers on the edge with random shots of dead bodies and deteriorated corpses.



3.) **“The Exorcist”** (“My idea of Heaven is a solid white nightclub with me as a headliner for all eternity, and they love me.”) Undoubtedly the most prime example of a horror film that manipulates its audience to the edge of their own emotions. William Friedkin established many special effects that are now taken for granted in filmmaking, but unlike the modern exploits of CGI, never once does “The Exorcist” stray from its power of examining the human soul, and the dark side of evil as it penetrates the minds of the innocent.



4.) **“The Shining”** (“Heeere’s Johnny!”) Stanley Kubrick’s adaptation of Stephen King’s masterpiece is not only remembered for Jack Nicholson’s chilling performance, but also for its dark vision of madness, and the chaos that ensues when it embraces the souls of the uncanny. The “Kubrick-style” of facial close-ups and set claustrophobia also help to pivot a classic scenario where the good characters have limited space to run, and absolutely no place to hide.





# Vendors fill streets with arts, crafts, food

BY SARAH GIARRATANA  
SENIOR REPORTER

Traffic clogged streets and cars piled into overflowing parking lots as thousands of people from Milledgeville and out of town sauntered toward the Deep Roots Festival. Hundreds of tents lined Hancock and Montgomery streets, erecting a circus of sorts, drawing consumers to Milledgeville in droves. Though the smell of roasting barbecue wafted through the streets in the morning and the sounds of Grace Potter and the Nocturnals lit up the night show, street vendors stole the attentions of the crowds in the middle of the day and served as the heart of the Deep Roots Festival.

“(We) spent a great deal of time visiting other festivals and looking for quality vendors and approaching them about our festival so that we could attract the better ones,” Belinda Washlesky, executive director of the Milledgeville Mainstreet program, said.

From morning until evening, crowds spent the day shopping at a variety of stands, offering anything from handcrafted jewelry to free environmentally friendly bags at a nonprofit recycling tent. With such variety, the sellers and shops at Deep Roots brought a little bit of everything to Milledgeville.

“I enjoyed the shops, especially the jewelry,” sophomore Elaine Denovellis said. “I bought an interesting pair of earrings, made out of bottle caps, that I could not have bought at a regular store.”

Many vendors seemed very happy with the large number of shoppers and volunteers from the Milledgeville Mainstreet program.

“Everyone’s just really nice,” Ellen Hound, jewelry designer, said about the

festival. “Folks came around this morning and asked if I needed help setting stuff up. I didn’t, but it was nice to be asked. I definitely think I’ll be back next year.”

Though many vendors offered handcrafted jewelry, others offered a variety of crafts. Dory Franklin and Constance Neely sold soap and wool scarves from Hallowed Hawk farm, their sheep farm in Oconee County where they do research on agriculture.

“We’ve enjoyed the festival, we’re new to the festival though, so people probably aren’t quite sure what sheep’s milk soap is,” Neely said. “It’s awesome, people have to try it, then they’ll know it’s a great soap.”

From the bathroom to the barn, Sheryl Hardage sold many flower arrangements and pieces of horse-shoe art throughout the day. From horseshoe pumpkins to flowers, Hardage offers a wide variety of crafts and enjoys selling her work at the festival.

“This is our third or fourth year coming,” Hardage said. “I like it, and we’ll continue coming back. We do good business, it’s local and there’s a good crowd.”

Also making appearances, nonprofit organizations like ARF and an environmental awareness program opened tents to inform visitors about animal adoption and Milledgeville’s single-stream recycling program, respectively.

“The festival grew this year, especially in arts and crafts,” Washlesky said. “This is the biggest event for Milledgeville MainStreet and I think for all of Milledgeville.”

Consumers also seemed pleased with the added growth and the variety of vendors. As annual tradition, the festival seems likely to continue to draw more visitors and vendors in years to come.



MANDY ELLIS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
A vendor sells handmade brooms at the Deep Roots Festival last Saturday. Other vendors sold jewelry, pottery and other crafts.



CLAIRE KERSEY / SENIOR REPORTER  
Joshua Youmans of the tem Ivey Rack & Q serves up some barbecue for the judges. This is the team’s second year competing.

# Barbecue lifestyle puts teams in hog heaven

BY CLAIRE KERSEY  
SENIOR REPORTER

Barbecue is a labor of love. Smoke Shack team member Scott McDaniel can certainly attest to this. After saving \$2,500 for an engagement ring for his girlfriend, he saw a smoker for \$2,499.

“I asked if instead of buying a ring, I could buy a cooker,” McDaniel said.

She agreed to receive her ring later on, and they are still happily married.

“You gotta be crazy to do this,” said Alvin Meyer, who is one half of the husband and wife team Quenut. “It’s a very expensive hobby.”

These teams have cooked in rain, sleet, snow and even tornadoes.

The Deep Roots Festival’s annual barbecue cook-off drew quite an eclectic crowd to Milledgeville this past weekend. Teams from around the Southeast came to compete to prove that their barbecue reigned supreme.

“We spent \$800-900 to prove we’re the best,” Meyer said. “The prize money won’t offset the expenses.”

In addition to entry fees, the cost of the meat makes a huge dent financially. Jay Weems of J&J Southern Smokers had approximately \$300-400 of pork to prepare.

“You’ll spend \$1,000 easily just going to contests,” Weems said.

Some of the teams attend up to 40 competitions in a year all over the country; others just enter a few. Clearly money is not the motivation for the hardcore hog-cookers. They come with trailers equipped with full kitchens, complete with a convection oven, refrigerator and multiple sinks.

“Some people say it might be nicer than most people’s kitchens,” Meyer said. The atmosphere is often very laid-back, as competitors set up tents and tables where they relax while the meat is cooking.

“It’s like a big tailgate party that travels,” McDaniel said. McDaniel’s trailer sat on Jefferson Street, and just beside sat Rufus the fiberglass Hampshire pig, his team’s mascot.

“Rufus is a pimp daddy hog. He gets

more action than any man here,” McDaniel said. “Kids love him, dogs bark at him.”

Some people had laptops, others enjoyed a smoke or a beer and basked in the mild weather, hoping that the rain would avoid them this time around. They stayed there through the night Friday, as some teams had to maintain the flame on their smokers.

“I love it, except for when the sun’s coming up, because then you think ‘I’ve been up all night,’” said Otto Stoy, who took the night shift for Jurassic Pork, a team from Norcross.

Barbecue is not a full-time job for most of the contestants. Their professions vary from concrete contractor to loading trucks at Hallmark. McDaniel, who came from South Carolina to compete, owns a heating and air company.

After two to three days of preparation, the teams were judged on Saturday. Approximately 70 judges graded the teams in three categories: shoulder, ribs and whole hog. Personal preference has little to do with judging the barbecue, as Memphis Barbecue Network standards are used.

“I like a rib that falls off the bone, but I have to count off because it’s overcooked,” judge Dwight Wilhoit said.

Judging is an unpaid position and those that do it have to take classes to learn to judge.

“Every judge that comes in teaches us something,” said Kevin Sturgeon of Ivey Rack & Q.

In addition to cooking for the trained barbecue judges, the teams cooked for the people’s choice competition, judged by the palates of the Deep Roots Festival attendees.

They also competed in ancillary categories, where their sauce, stew, hot wings and other appetizing dishes were judged.

The labor paid off for Dixie Que, the overall winning team of the cook-off. They were the grand champions, along with winning first place in shoulder and whole hog.

“Everyone did a hell of a job,” team member Rick Godfrey said.

So it’s on to Memphis for Dixie Que and Jurassic Pork, and other competitions for the other teams, because the barbecue circuit continues year-round.

*“It’s like a big tailgate party that travels.”*

*—Scott McDaniel, Smoke Shack*

# Concert band performs first show of semester



RUSSELL HUFFMAN/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The GCSU Concert Band put on its fall concert Oct. 22. The band is directed by Todd Shiver and has over 60 members. The band season continues Nov. 5-6 with the Jazz Band concert.



# Soccer peaking with defense

## Bobcats continue defensive dominance, tie No. 3 CSU

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU soccer team had two home games this past week, one resulting in a tie and the other resulting in a victory.

This past Saturday, the Bobcats faced No. 3 Columbus State and battled to a 0-0 tie. Although this game brought GCSU's three-game winning streak to an end, it pushed their shutout streak to four games.

When the game started, both teams played aggressively and although many shots were taken by the Bobcats and the Cougars, neither team was able to score during the first half. However, Columbus State managed to outnumber the Bobcats in shots taken for the first half 6-4 and outnumbered GCSU in corner kicks 5-0.

"It was the whole team's defense that kept them from scoring," sophomore midfielder/forward Megan McAlpin said. "We came out here and did our best; we were just unlucky with the chances we got."

At the start of the second half, both teams remained aggressive and both teams took shots that narrowly missed the net. Even so, when the second half came to an end, both teams were still deadlocked at 0-0. The game was sent into overtime, attempting to decide a winner.

After 10 minutes of overtime, the game still remained scoreless. The game proceeded into a second period of overtime, in hopes of finding a winner. At the conclusion of the second overtime, the score remained 0-0 and the game was declared a tie.

"We played our hearts out for the full 110 minutes, we just couldn't finish," freshman defender Jamie Colcord said. "If we can score when we have opportunities we'll be good."

"I am extremely proud of the team's effort and the team's defensive stance against probably the most potent defensive team in the league, one of the best offensive teams in the region and in the nation," head coach Juan Pablo Favero said. "For the number three team in the country to come in here and for us to shut them down was a tremendous performance from our whole team."

The Bobcats had another home game



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior forward Lyric Burnett pushes past a USC Aiken defender during the Bobcats' 2-1 overtime victory Wednesday night. GCSU's defensive shutout streak was broken late in the game, but the Bobcats are unbeaten in their last five contests.

against the University of South Carolina at Aiken this past Wednesday night.

For the first half of the game, there were multiple shot attempts on both ends of the field, but no shots connected and the first half ended with a score of 0-0.

When the second half began, the numerous scoring attempts continued with neither team scoring any goals. However, with less than six minutes remaining, a long shot from senior midfielder/defender Daria Owen found its way into the back of the Pacers' net to give GCSU a 1-0 lead.

"There is so much more room for improvement," Owen said. "We learn some-

thing new everyday, we've learned that we still have heart, still can fight it out and we have the talent to show it."

Shortly afterward, with 4:43 remaining in the second half, Aiken responded by finding the Bobcat net to tie the game 1-1 and send the game into overtime.

In the first overtime, both teams continued to battle for the winning goal. It was the Bobcats who found it, when with less than a minute left in the first overtime, a free kick from Owen bounced off the crossbar of the Pacers' net, bounced off of the ground and

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# Cross country fares well at PBC championships

BY ZARA-GRAY ROWE  
STAFF WRITER

The Georgia College men's and women's cross country teams sped past their competition in a cloud of dust at the Peach Belt Conference championship meet in Pembroke, N.C., this past weekend.

GCSU head coach Joe Samprone was very pleased and proud of his runners in their performance at the PBC Championships.

"For a couple of years now we have had a good solid men's and women's cross country team," Samprone said. "I was very proud of them."

Senior Virginia Balkcom earned All-PBC second team status to help put the Bobcat women runners-up at the finish line.

"I think the race went really well," Balkcom said. "I was surprised and very happy."

The women's team second-place finish at the PBC meet turned out to be their best performance yet.

"The women's team is very balanced," Samprone said. "When you see one Georgia College runner, you see the whole team as a pack."

Balkcom crossed the finish line with a personal best and the third-best 6K time in school history at 24:19. She is the first GCSU runner to earn All-PBC status since teammates Bonnie Nikelin and Dani Destiche did in



FILE PHOTO  
Senior Virginia Balkcom finished as the top Bobcat runner for the women's team at the PBC Championships, earning All-PBC status with the third-best 6K time in school history of 24:19.

2007.

"We all run so close together at the races," Balkcom said. "We push and encourage each other along the way."

For the first time this season, the women's course was increased to a 6K and the Bobcats adapted well, finishing 50 points behind champion Columbus

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# Season preview: Bobcat basketball

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU men's basketball team surprised the Peach Belt Conference last year by going 15-5 in conference play to tie for third with Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Head coach Terry Sellers' team overcame the loss of star center Aaron Clark to graduation by using a fast, guard-based lineup to run opponents ragged and put up a slew of points from beyond the 3-point line.

The goal for this season is to build on this foundation, again coping with the graduation of a star player — this time their leading scorer — sharpshooting guard Shaun Keaton. Another player who will definitely be missed is forward Ken Kemp, who was often undersized against his opponents but was never out-hustled.

What the 2009-10 team does have is a balanced trio of outstanding senior guards: point guard Ty Rowland (.407 FG, .383 3-pointers, 7.4 PPG), shooting guard Graham Martin (.406 FG, .336 3-pointers, 11.8 PPG) and shooting guard Jake Rios (.420 FG, .406 three-pointers, .885 free throw, 7.3 PPG). All three can handle the ball effectively and are deadly from 3-point range.

While the backcourt appears to be very solid this season, questions arise about the rest of the lineup. Junior forward Reece



FILE PHOTO  
Senior guard Jake Rios squares up for three during the Midnight Madness scrimmage earlier this month.

Wiedeman will be asked to defend opposing centers, grab more rebounds and increase his offensive production to take pressure off the guards.

If young players can provide valuable minutes off the bench and additional defense and scoring punch, Sellers can give his starters needed rest and keep them fresh for late-game pushes. With the loss of Kemp, the

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## THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Phillies vs. Yankees in the World Series? Ugh. Wake me up when it's opening day for the Braves next spring.

Can we finally seriously discuss a salary cap for major league baseball?

I want to like baseball, I really do, but when an entire season comes down to the most predictable of results, where's the drama?

The Yankees constantly have the highest payroll in baseball, snatching up essentially any free agent they want with their bottomless pockets. It made me so happy for the last six years, after their loss to the Florida Marlins in the 2003 series, to watch them fail to make the Fall Classic, finding new ways to choke under playoff pressure. I don't want teams to be able to buy championships, at any level, in any sport. America is troubled enough by greed; I just want sports to be a safe haven and not have it spill over into our beautiful games.

As for the Phillies, I really can't hate them, and have to respect them. That franchise is now what the Braves were in the '90s; great coaching, players who love to play and super young talent to compliment veterans. Not to mention their outstanding trade deadline acquisition of pitcher Cliff Lee, who has been nothing short of spectacular since coming over from the Indians.

My only gripe with the Phils being back in the series is that they were there just last season. If I had it my way, no teams (except maybe the Braves) would make back-to-back World Series appearances. Parity is never a bad thing in sports.

Finally, I'm getting a little bored with northeastern teams from major sports markets. I like good sports stories, small-market successes, and new faces on national television in late October. This World Series will provide some excitement, but for the most part, a whole lot of nothing. Go Phillies, I guess.

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THE SHORT STOP



### Upcoming Sports

<b>Soccer:</b>		
Oct. 31	4 p.m.	Montevallo
<b>Basketball:</b>		
Nov. 5	5 p.m. (W)	@ Mercer
	7 p.m. (M)	

### Quote of the Week

"I just tell people, this book is honest ... it's my life, for better or worse. Get ready, buckle up, and keep your arms and legs inside the vehicle at all times."  
— Andre Agassi, regarding his new autobiography "Open," which reveals dark secrets about the former world's No. 1 tennis player, including crystal meth usage. (ESPN.com)

### Stat of the Week

16-3

Florida's record against UGA since 1990. The teams face off (Gators No. 1, Bulldogs unranked) this Saturday in Jacksonville, Fla.



# Intramural Notebook

by Caleb Rule, Staff Reporter

College changes people ... yeah, like you haven't heard that one before.

This is different.

For instance, in high school, I didn't give a flip about soccer. It took place during tennis season, so I was busy perfecting my forehand and wishing I looked half of Andy Roddick.

Once my life moved to a college dorm, however, I was suddenly surrounded by the world's most popular sport.

As a wannabe sports writer/broadcaster, I've been broadcasting GCSU women's soccer as a color commentator for two years now, and this is my second year as an intramural soccer referee.

Until this season, however, I've never played.

My fragile sports world ground to a halt this past Thursday, when I took the field with a defensive role in my first ever soccer game.

While we won 2-0, it wasn't because of me.

For instance, I'm athletic — not the best athlete around, but I can hold my own in a variety of sports, and thus can run, shoot, pass, etc. — so will somebody please explain why I needed an oxygen mask after 10 minutes? Good grief!

I can play a full game of men's B-league Ultimate Frisbee with few issues, but something about kicking a ball (or having it kick you) really takes it out of you. The constant sprinting to the ball and being reminded that hands are used to shove others away while fighting for a ball like first graders with athletic tendencies really wears down a newbie.

I wish I knew what was etched on my face before my first header — the opposing goalkeeper booted it half-way down the field and nobody was around, so I looked at it as if death was approaching at a falling speed of 4 mph — upon realizing I was supposed to do something.



Heading the ball didn't hurt, and my face is still intact, so I guess I didn't do too poorly.

Still, having flashbacks to all of those Calvin and Hobbes comics when Calvin shows Hobbes how to play soccer and smashes his face in didn't inspire much confidence.

Another thing I quickly learned was the importance of simply keeping the ball in front, and thus my body between the ball and goal. I was guarding an attacker closely, when he pulled a nice fake-spin move to my right; fortunately, I poked the ball away from him, but towards our goal.

For a split-second, I imagined myself on Sportscenter's "Not top 10" plays of the week: "And at number eight, check out this guy, sees the ball, watch the ball-oops! What a failure ... and the girls watching aren't too pleased. Ooh, that guy's gonna need some time to cope." (I did manage to kick it out of there eventually by the way.)

Finally, the resiliency of some players amazes me. One of our offensive players took a ball straight to the kisser — I thought the dirt imprint on the chest of my dark blue shirt of the ball was impressive looking. But how about having it on your face?! But he just blinked and raced to the ball! Are you kidding? No "whoa, my face was just turned into a checkerboard" moment. Impressive.

I had some nice moves — I've never jumped three feet in the air just to be a human ping pong paddle before, nor had I ever tried a run-one-way-pass-it-the-other move. And they weren't terrible, if I do say myself.

Of course, maybe all of this is such a big deal for me because it's all new. To that, I say ... whatever! I've seen goals from 50 yards out and saves on a shot 12 feet away. But watching it happen from the sideline and sweating heavily in the middle of the play?

That's a whole different ballgame.

Layout by Matt Chambers

## Soccer

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was headed in by McAlpin to give the Bobcats a 2-1 win, their fourth in the last five games.

The Bobcats face the University of Montevallo at home in their final regular season game this Saturday.

"We really have to be sharp mentally and they need to rest physically," Favero said. "We've got to be able to be focused so we can get the result that we need."



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Sophomore forward Megan McAlpin gets past a Columbus State defender this past Saturday.

## Hoops preview

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Bobcats will miss their "hustle player" and their court leader. Can Rowland be the floor general for this team that he has shown flashes of? If one scorer is off on a particular night, will another step up to make up the slack? If the answers to these questions are "yes" then this team has the potential to repeat last year's success, and make a strong run in the PBC, though the conference schedule should be tough as always.

### Women's team

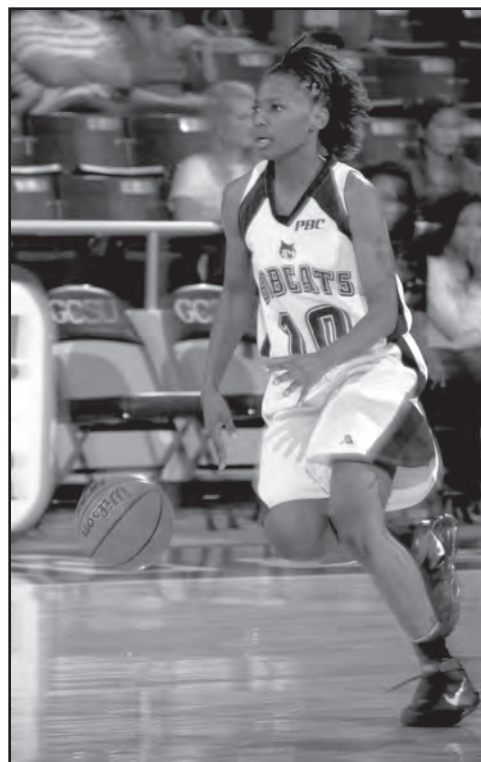
Head coach John Carrick leads his 27th edition of GCSU women's basketball this season, coming off a 17-11 campaign in which the team finished right in the middle of the PBC standings (due to tie-breakers), but tied for third-best in conference record with three other schools.

The consistent play of senior forward Antoinette Reames will be key for this team. Reames led the squad in field goal shooting at 50 percent (95-190), offensive rebounds (86), total rebounds (203), blocks (73) and steals (59) last season.

Junior guard Mandi Dudish can get on 3-point hot streaks; she hit six 3s in only her second game as a Bobcat and had three 20-point games last season.

Senior point guard Shandrea Moore is yet another consistent performer for this team, as she controls the ball the majority of the time and paces play. She was named All-PBC second team last season.

The women's team has scoring balance, which makes it difficult to game-plan against. The team's leading returning scorer is junior guard/forward Dominique Huffin, who averaged 10.5



FILE PHOTO  
Senior guard Shandra Moore pushes the offense during the March Madness scrimmage. Moore will run the floor at the point for the Bobcats this season.

points per game last season. Huffin is something of an enigma, having taken over games on several occasions, including a 41-point explosion against Lander during her freshman season, but struggles equally as often from the field, making her an unreliable scoring option, but a weapon for the Bobcats nonetheless.

This team looks to be very balanced, and should improve a few games from last season, finish in the top three of the PBC and challenge for the conference tournament title.

## Cross Country

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State. GCSU topped the University of Montevallo by just four and fourth-place Clayton State by five.

"They were healthy and they ran a great race. They peaked right then and there at conference," Samprone said. "They have been that good all season long, it's just I don't think any of the other schools have paid much attention to us."

Sophomore Karissa Ekstrom was second on the squad and 15th overall, missing All-PBC status by less than a second. Ekstrom achieved the fifth-best 6K time in school history at 24:29.

Senior Alycia Hayes and junior Dani Destiche took 19th and 20th. Hayes finished in a personal best at 24:57, while Destiche came in at 25:03.

Senior Heather Raines, a two-time PBC Runner of the Week, came in 23rd, crossing the line in 25:13 and rounding out the top five for GCSU this weekend.

In 2007, the top finish for a Bobcat runner was third place, but after this weekend at the PBC Championships, they are holding their heads high.

The men's squad took fifth at the PBC championship meet, with four runners in

the top 30.

"The men's team will do better at the regional meet in two weeks than they did in the conference, because we had a couple of people coming back from illness and injuries," Samprone said. "They did a remarkable job in the races, given the illness and injuries that have really affected them this whole season."

Junior Tim Cary took 25th overall in 28:44. Sophomore Rob Manning wasn't far behind Cary at 28:53.

Sophomore Travis Knight was 27th in 29:05 and senior Josh Hollar was fourth on the squad and 29th overall in 29:08. Rounding out the team's top five was sophomore Daniel Horseman, posting a 29:20 for 32nd.

"We didn't run as well as we did last year," sophomore Colin Conroy said. "I expect us to do a lot better at regionals."

Coach Samprone is confident that the Bobcats will probably finish in the top five or six for both teams in their next race at regionals.

"I was very pleased with all the effort that was put forth," Samprone said. "They are going to make everyone at Georgia College proud — it was an exceptional performance."

The Bobcats are back in action Nov. 7 at the NCAA Southeast Regional, hosted by Wingate University in Wingate, N.C.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT



### FRISBEE FOLLY

On Oct. 22 at approximately 11:41 p.m. officer Wesley Ransom was dispatched to the Parkhurst Courtyard area in reference to a student who suffered an injury while playing Ultimate Frisbee. Emergency personnel responded and evaluated the student, and determined there were no serious injuries.



### IDENTITY CRISIS

On Oct. 24 at approximately 11:10 p.m. Sgt. Michael Baker observed a man walking in front of Mayfair Hall carrying a sign from Exchange Bank. Contact was made with the male student, who stated someone else told him to get the sign. While speaking with him, Baker could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage, according to a Public Safety report. When asked for identification, the student had two drivers licenses, one showing his age as over 21 and one with an age of 18, the report stated. When asked why he had the other license over 21, he stated that someone else told him to hold it for them. The student was instructed to return the sign and the other license was confiscated. In lieu of arrest, he has been turned over to the Student Judicial Board.

### BIKE BLUNDER

On Oct. 23 at approximately 10:13 a.m. Sgt. Brian English was dispatched to Beeson Hall in reference to an accident between a bicyclist and vehicle. Contact was made with the male driver and female cyclist. After speaking with both parties, it was determined that the cyclist rode out in front of the car, according to a Public Safety report. The woman was transported to Oconee Regional Medical Center by GCSU police because of minor injuries suffered to her face.

### COOKIE CATASTROPHE

On Oct. 19 at approximately 6:41 p.m. a female reported that between Oct. 6 and Oct. 7 unknown person(s) smeared Oreo's all over her vehicle windows and dented the back driver's side passenger door while it was parked in the Adams lot. The case is under investigation.

### FULL MOON

On Oct. 25 at approximately 2:19 a.m. Sgt. Nick Reonas observed a male at the corner of Hancock and Wayne streets, who pulled his pants and underwear completely down and bent over in front of him, according to a Public Safety report. He then pulled his pants back up and started to walk off. When Reonas approached the male, he started to run off, tackling two people in front of him, the report stated. Reonas was able to grab the arm of the male, who stood up and tried to pull away. The male's speech was slurred, his eyes bloodshot and he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him, according to the report. The subject was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with public intoxication.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Oct. 30 - Thursday, Nov. 5

### Saturday, Oct. 31

9:30-11 a.m.	GREEN Project meeting - Kilpatrick Educational Artium
4 p.m.	Bobcats Soccer vs. Montevallo - West Campus

### Monday, Nov. 2

10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Financial Literacy Forum - West Campus Center, rooms 101 & 103
7:30 p.m.	Visiting writers Jane Bledsoe and Jennifer Chapis - A&S Auditorium

### Wednesday, Nov. 4

12:30-1:30 p.m.	Times Talk - lower level of Beeson Hall
6 p.m.	The Big Read: The Evaluation 451 - Museum Education Room
7 p.m.	Health Care Forum - A&S Auditorium
7:30 p.m.	Wesley Foundation Student Ministries meeting - MSU lounge

### Thursday, Nov. 5

7:30 p.m.	Jazz Band Fall Concert - Russell Auditorium
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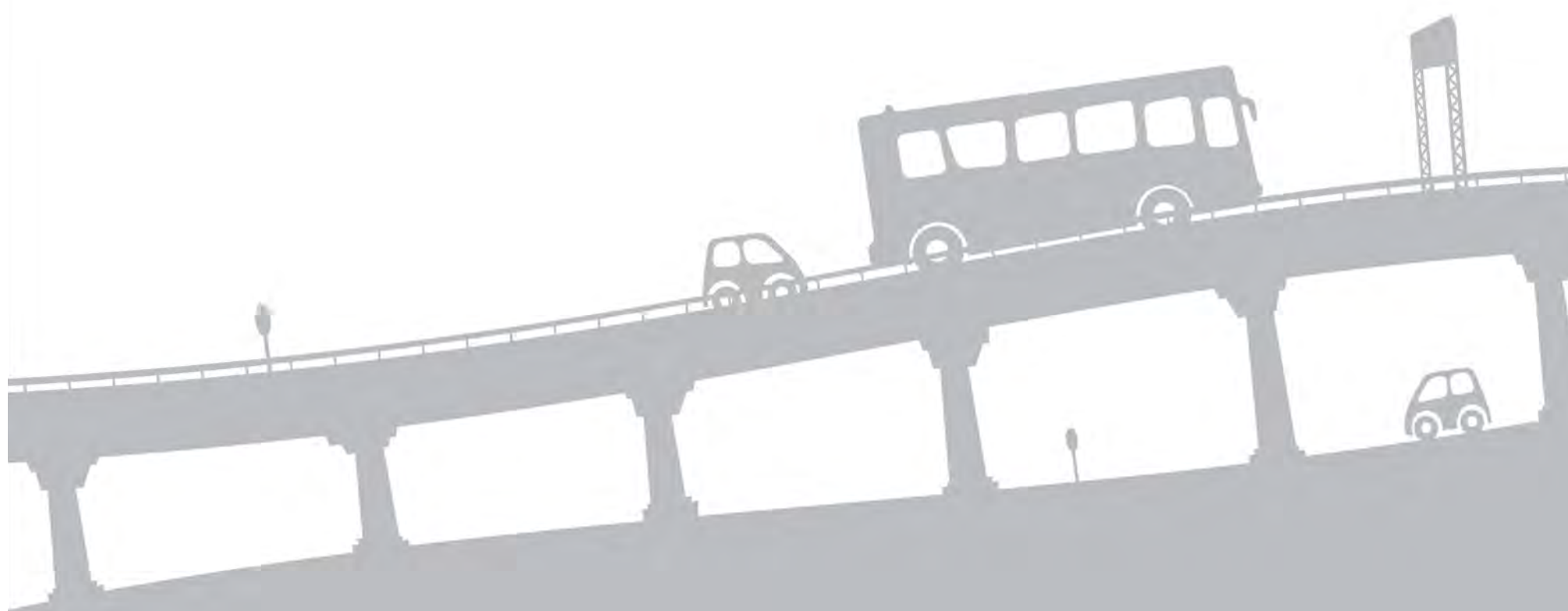
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